

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 725

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Story Katherine Deweese as a 2016 Young Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Story Katherine Deweese, a young woman who was selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2016 Young Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this coveted award is given to young women in the Chattanooga community who work with honor, integrity, enthusiasm, generosity, and compassion to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a student at Girls Preparatory School (GPS), Story Deweese has earned a name for herself as the school's computer science expert; not only has she exhausted the school's computer science and engineering curriculum, but she has also interned at the University of Southern California Engineering School and been named a runner-up in a national information technology competition; and

WHEREAS, she is the cofounder and webmaster of the GPS Computer Science Club, the president of the GPS Honor Council, and a member of the lacrosse team; she has further served on the STEM Student Council for the Southeast Tennessee region and as a counselor for Younglife Camps; hosted weekly Younglife meetings at her home; contributed her time and talents to the Chattanooga Public Library and AIR labs; and participated in the Model UN; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she received the Christian Bryant Award in recognition of her "courage, determination, quiet strength, faith, perseverance, kindness, and joy"; and

WHEREAS, possessing an impeccable work ethic, solid character, and innate leadership skills, Story Deweese is an outstanding young Tennessean who works with purpose and commitment to make her community and its citizens the very best they can be, and she is fully deserving of the approbation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Story Katherine Deweese on being honored as a 2016 Young Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.